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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2000. Applicants believe that no fee is due with this response; however, please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please **cancel** claims 1-23, 25, 27 and 33-35.

Please **amend** claims 24, 26 and 29 as follows:

24. (Amended) A method of screening a helminthic parasite preparation for one or more components that reduce an excessive Th1 immune response, said method comprising the [step of assaying a fraction of a helminthic parasite preparation to detect biological activity that